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Today's News - October 31, 2003

Editor's note: ANN will be on the road Monday...the newsletter will return Tuesday. November 4.

A number of reports on - and the official version of - governor's WTC rebuilding report: squabbling architects; memorial finalists; new transit hubs; De Niro, Libeskind, Childs, Calatrava...and more. - New materials more dangerous than wood in high-rise fires (not to mention California). - Alsop heads for Jordan and China. - Twain house expansion a spacious sleight-of-hand. - Gehry is Person of the Week (just the week?). - Huge hospital project includes HOK. -Farnsworth House: two identities - architectural treasure and trophy property - are at war with each other. - Alabama's first lady of architecture to be honored. - Piano magic. - Exhibition: we're all Modernists now.

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Governor: WTC Site Completion On Track: two key provisios...squabbling between the architects David Childs and Daniel Libeskind must stop, must agree to a plan by December 15; Memorial Designs To Be Unveiled By Nov. 17; De Niro Investing In TriBeCa Hotel [numerous reports]- Gotham Gazette

Governor: Aggressive Timeline to Revitalize Lower Manhattan is "Right on Track": Memorial Designs to be Exhibited; Freedom Tower Design to be Released; aiprot, ferry, bus services... - Daniel Liebskind and David Childs; Santiago Calatrava- LMDC

New materials fuel in high-rise fires: Use of plastics in place of wood makes fires rage: expert- Crain's Chicago Business

Jordan scheme gives Alsop toehold in Middle East: national development agency hires architect for public square after seeing regeneration designs for Barnsley.-Building (UK)

Mark Twain House Gets a Subtle Addendum: It's a large new building with a designer label and price tag, but you could almost drive by without noticing it...Consider it architectural sleight of hand of the first order. - Robert A.M. Stern Architects- Washington Post

World News Tonight's Person of the Week: Design Redefined: Master Architect Frank Gehry Recreates America's Urban Landscape- ABC News

Skanska tipped for £620m St Bartholomew's job, the UK's biggest ever hospital PFI project: team includes HOK, which has imported designers from the USA.-Building (UK)

Glass House Struck by Gavel: Will Illinois let Mies's spectacular Farnsworth House slip through its fingers? By Lynn Becker [images]- Repeat

Auburn University to honor Helen Davis, 91, Alabama's first female architect-Birmingham Business Journal

Magical Buildings of Renzo Piano: Genoese architect achieves spectacular results with unique and awe-inspiring constructions-Tandem (Canada)

Ransom Center exhibit reminds us we are all moderns now: Modernism has been embraced, post 9/11, by architects, artists, writers and other thinkers..."Make It New" literary and artistic modernism that sprouted 100 years ago- Austin American-Statesman

<u>Iconic Arcs: Jubilee Church by Richard Meier & Partners [images]</u>-ArchNewsNow

<u>Urban Aria: Four Seasons Centre for the Performing Arts - Diamond and Schmitt Architects [images] - ArchNewsNow</u>

Opening: Frank O. Gehry & Partners: Walt Disney Concert Hall, Los Angeles
Tadao Ando Architects: Sayamaike Historical Museum, Osaka, Japan
Book: The Grand Tour: Travelling the World with an Architect's Eye By Harry
Saidler

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